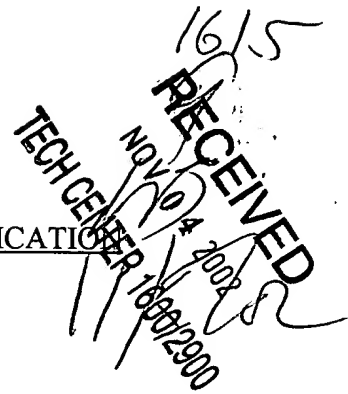




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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed. For the Examiner's convenience, we have also enclosed a copy of the International Search Report and the International Preliminary Examination Report for the corresponding international application, the U.K. Patent Office Search Report and the European Patent Office Search Report on priority application GB 9822563.4, the U.K. Patent Office Search Report for co-pending application GB 9923639.0 (a U.K. national application corresponding to the international application), and third party observations filed against GB 9923639.0.

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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested the above information be considered by the Examiner and a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating such information has been considered.

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